



NEW BOOKS TO SUPPLEMENT ALL THEMES,
K-6,
IN THE OPEN COURT READING PROGRAM

<u>Themes</u>	<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Acceptance, Kindness, Differences	JP R	Richardson, John.	<u>Grunt.</u> Teased by his older siblings about his appearance and tiny squeal, a little piggy finds acceptance with an equally odd-looking companion who teaches him to celebrate his differences and recognize that others will appreciate his uniqueness, too. K-1
Alphabet	JP A	Aylesworth, Jim.	<u>Naughty Little Monkeys.</u> Mom thinks that all of her monkeys are angelic, but from Andy's wayward airplane to Zelda's trip to the zoo, these little ones find a way to get into mischief for each letter of the alphabet. K
America, Music, Our Country	J811.4 B	Bates, Katharine Lee.	<u>America the Beautiful.</u> An illustrated edition of the 19 th century poem, later set to

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			music celebrating the beauty of America. K-5
America	J324.973 C	Christelow, Eileen.	<u>Vote!</u> Using a campaign for mayor as an example, shows the steps involved in an election, from the candidates speeches and rallies, to the voting booth where every vote counts, to the announcement of the winner. 2-4
Anatomy, Health	J811.54 W	Wolf, Allan.	<u>The Blood Hungry Spleen and Other Poems About Our Parts.</u> More than thirty poems describe individual parts of the body and what they do for us. Hilarious but informative and educational with amusing illustrations. Be forewarned- he deals with <u>all</u> body parts. 5-6
Animals	JP A	Ashman, Linda.	<u>Babies On the Go.</u> Illustrations and rhyming text show how different animals carry their babies when they are on the move. K-1
Animals	J597.3 D	Davies, Nicola.	<u>Surprising Sharks.</u> Introduces many different species of sharks, pointing out such characteristics as the small size of the dwarf lantern shark and the

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			physical characteristics and behavior that makes sharks killing machines. 1-2
Animals	JP F	French, Jackie.	<u>Diary Of a Wombat.</u> In a diary, a Wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and getting to know some new human neighbors. (I think this is my favorite book of the year- utterly charming, funny and endearing) 2-3
Animals	JP M	Murray, Marjorie.	<u>Don't Wake Up the Bear.</u> On a cold and snowy evening several animals snuggle up to a hibernating bear in order to keep warm. K-1
Art	JP B	Browne, Anthony.	<u>The Shape Game.</u> The author/illustrator describes how his mother's wish to spend her birthday visiting an art museum with her family changed the course of his life forever. Great fun and ends with a simple but brilliant drawing game that the whole class can do. 2-4
Changing America, Risks, Survival, Journeys, Heritage, Making a New Nation	J917.804 E	Edwards, Judith.	<u>The Great Expedition Of Lewis and Clark: by Private Reubin Field, Member Of the Corps Of Discovery.</u> An account, told in the words of one

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			participant, of the difficulties and wonders that were part of the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the land obtained as part of the Louisiana Purchase. 4-5
Feelings	JP W	Wells, Rosemary.	<u>Felix the Worrier</u> The Worrier visits Felix night after night reminding him of what could go wrong the next day, until the night that a special birthday present changes everything. K-1
Finding Friends	JP M	Murphy, Patti.	<u>Elinor and Violet.</u> When Elinor, who is sometimes just a little naughty, makes friends with Violet, who is much naughtier, Elinor almost spoils the visit of her favorite aunt. K-1
	JP M	Murphy, Patti.	<u>Elinor and Violet, Two Naughty Chickens At the Beach.</u> While Violet, the really naughty chicken, is visiting her grandmother again for the summer, she convinces Elinor to do things that upset Elinor's mother and sisters, but Elinor does prove to have a mind of her own. These are hilarious stories! K-1
	JP S	Shannon, George.	<u>Lizard's Guest.</u> While dancing around, Lizard

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			<p>accidentally steps on Skunk's toes and then promises to take care of lazy skunk until his foot is healed. K (Also read <u>Lizard's Song</u> and <u>Lizard's Home</u>)</p>
Friendship, Courage	JE J Young	Jennings, Patrick.	<p><u>The Bird Shadow.</u></p> <p>In spite of being frightened, Ike and his little sister, Mem, go with some friends to a spooky old house with a shed full of pigeons. 2-3</p>
Friendship, Disabilities	J Cre	Creech, Sharon.	<p><u>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup.</u></p> <p>With the help of her nice old grandmother, 12-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door. 4</p>
Heritage, Journeys, Quests	J921 Darwin	Sis, Peter.	<p><u>The Tree of Life, a Book Depicting the Life of Charles Darwin, Naturalist, Geologist, and Thinker.</u></p> <p>Presents the life of the famous 19th century naturalist using text from Darwin's writings. Wonderful, detailed drawings by the author. 5</p>
Imagination	JE P Young	Pennypacker, Sara.	<p><u>Stuart Goes To School.</u> (Sequel to <u>Stuart's Cape</u>)</p> <p>Worried about his first day at a new school, eight year old Stuart</p>

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			wears his magic cape and hopes that it will help him. 3
Journeys	J Whe	Whelan, Gloria.	<u>The Impossible Journey.</u>
			In 1934, a 13-year-old Marya and her younger brother, Georgi, set out alone on a long and arduous journey into Siberia to find their mother after she and their father are exiled for opposing Stalin. 5-6 (Companion book to <u>Angel On the Square</u>)
Journeys, Perseverance, Taking a Stand	J Ell	Ellis, Deborah.	<u>Mud City.</u>
			The third book of the Breadwinner Trilogy. Pavana's friend, 14-year-old Shauzia, makes it out of Afghanistan but not to the lavender fields of France, but to the misery of a refugee camp in Pakistan. 6
Just because – Might be useful because we live in earthquake country!			
	J811.54 P	Peters, Lisa Westberg.	<u>Earthshake; Poems From the Ground Up.</u>
			Presents 22 poems about geology. Endnotes provide information about the earth's surface and interior, types of rocks, and how volcanoes, glaciers, and erosion modify the landscape. 2-4

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Just because this is good non-fiction.

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Ryan, Pam Munoz. How Do You Raise a Raisin? R

In a Q and A format with grand illustrations, this book tells of the history of raisins, the growing, marketing and eating of raisins, including a few recipes. Must fit into a nutritional unit. 3-4

Just because you always need something catchy about the days of the week.

JP
D

De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk. What Did You Put in Your Pocket?

Two groups of animals tell each other about the food and other things that they put in their pockets as they count the days of the week. Colorful and exuberant. K

Just because this is so well done- reminiscent of Lionni's Frederick.

JP
S

Spinelli, Eileen. Three Pebbles and a Song.

As his mouse family endures a long, cold winter, Moses's contributions of a dance, a juggling act, and a little song prove more useful than he had supposed. Lovely illustrations. K-2

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Just because everyone knows the original and this is a delightful version with animals.	JP O	Ormerod, Jan.	<u>If You're Happy and You Know It.</u> A little girl and various animals sing their own versions of this very popular song. K-1
Just because this is hilarious! If you need a reason- a new tall tale of how the West was won.	JP T	Timberlake, Amy.	<u>The Dirty Cowboy.</u> Telling his faithful dog to make sure nobody touches his clothes but him, a cowboy jumps into a New Mexico river for a bath, not realizing just how much the scrubbing will change his scent. 2-3
Just because you can always use a good pet story.	JP M	Middleton, Charlotte.	<u>Do You Still Love Me?</u> A very funny and reassuring tale about finding out there's more than enough love to go around when someone new joins the family. K-1
Just because – A quirky, creatively written and illustrated creepy story is always in demand!	JP G	Gaiman, Neil.	<u>The Wolves In the Wall.</u>

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			Lucy is sure there are wolves living in the walls of her house, although others in her family disagree, and when the wolves come out, the adventure begins. 3-4
Just because it's a library story!	JP F	Fraser, Mary Ann.	<u>I.Q. Goes To the Library.</u>
			After going to the library with Mrs. Furber's class everyday of the week, I.Q., the class pet, hopes to take out a funny book with his own library card. 1-2
Just because - a really good dog story.	J Sta	Staples, Suzanne Fisher.	<u>The Green Dog, a Mostly True Story.</u>
			During the summer before 5 th grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion. Based on the author's childhood in northeastern Pennsylvania. 4-5
Just because - You're always looking for books on leaves, trees, and seasons.	JP W	Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth.	<u>Leaves!</u> <u>Leaves! Leaves!</u>
			During the four seasons of the year, Buddy Bear and his mother go "leaf walking" and discover a lot of

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			interesting things about leaves. 1-2
Just because I love Toot and Puddle.			
	JP H	Hobbie, Holly.	<u>Charming Opal.</u> When his cousin Opal loses a tooth during a visit, Puddle dresses as the Tooth Fairy so that Opal's hope of receiving a shiny quarter will not be disappointed. K-2
Kindness	JP D	Donaldson, Julia.	<u>The Spiffiest Giant In Town.</u> George the Giant, known for wearing his old patched clothes, finally buys new ones, but then gives them away to some needy animals. K-2
Making a New Nation	J921 Franklin	Fleming, Candace.	<u>Ben Franklin's Almanac, Being a True Account Of the Good Gentleman's Life.</u> Brings together 18 th century etchings, artifacts, and quotations to create the effect of a scrapbook of the life of Benjamin Franklin. 5-6
Music	J780.3 K	Krull, Kathleen.	<u>M Is For Music.</u> An alphabet book introducing musical terms, from allegro to zither. Wonderful illustrations and brief but good explanations of terms in the back. 3-5

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Oceans	J551.46 H	Harrison, David.	<u>Oceans the Vast, Mysterious Deep.</u> A basic introduction to oceans: how they were formed and how they work. K-2
Perseverance	J Hes	Hesse, Karen.	<u>Aleutian Sparrow.</u> An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during WWII in American internment camps designed to protect the population from the invading Japanese. 6
Perseverance, Taking a Stand, Making a New Nation, Journeys	J Bru	Bruhac, Joseph.	<u>The Winter People.</u> As the French and Indian war rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a 14-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage. 5-6
Question of Values	J Hen	Henkes, Kevin.	<u>Olives Ocean.</u> On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, 12-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her bad feelings for an older boy, and her plans to be a writer. 6

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School Stories	JP W	Wilson, Karma.	<u>Sweet Briar Goes To School.</u>
		The other animals at school make fun of Sweet Briar because she is a skunk and has a strong smell, until she uses her new scent to chase away a hungry wolf. K	
	JP D	De Paola, Tomie.	<u>Trouble In the Barker's Class.</u>
		When a new girl in the Barker's class, Carol Ann, acts like a bully, the students try talking to her and ignoring her until Margie finally discovers what is wrong and finds a way to fix it. K	
	JP S	Saltzberg, Barney.	<u>Crazy Hair Day.</u>
		Stanley is excited about Crazy Hair Day at his school until he discovers that he got the date wrong. K	
	JP K	Kalman, Maria.	<u>Smartypants Pete In School.</u>
		Pete, a dizzy dog, follows Poppy Wise, a plucky girl, to school, resulting in a wildly funny free-for-all but some serious and important lessons, too. 3	
Sharing Stories	JP G	Garland, Michael.	<u>Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook.</u>

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		When the new teacher, Miss Smith, reads to her class, Zack and his classmates are amazed to find that the storybook characters come to life. 1-2	
Sharing Stories, Storytelling	JP L	Lottridge, Celia Barker.	<u>The Little Rooster and the Diamond Button.</u>
		A Hungarian folktale in which Little Rooster is determined to get his diamond button back from the greedy, powerful Sultan. 2-3	
Storytelling	J398. 208 B	Bruhac, Joseph.	<u>Turtle's Race With Beaver.</u>
		A traditional Seneca story. When Beaver challenges Turtle to a swimming race for ownership of the pond, Turtle outsmarts Beaver and Beaver learns to share. 3	
Storytelling	JP F	Fleischman, Paul.	<u>The Animal Hedge.</u>
		After being forced to sell the animals he loves, a farmer cuts his hedge to look like them and teaches his sons about following their hearts. Great story, atmospheric drawings. 3	
Storytelling, Biography	J921 Twain	Brown, Don.	<u>American Boy, the Adventures Of Mark Twain.</u>

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			A brief, engaging biography of the noted American writer who was born Samuel Clemens. 3
Risks, Survival, Changing America, Journeys, Heritage	J Gif	Giff, Patricia Reilly.	<u>Maggie's Door.</u> In the mid-1800s, Nory and her neighbor and friend Sean, set out separately on a dangerous journey from famine-plagued Ireland, hoping to reach a better life in America. Sequel to <u>Nora's Song.</u> 4-5
Taking a Stand	J921 Brady	Levine, Karen.	<u>Hana's Suitcase.</u> A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust. Told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her. (Pair with <u>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</u>) 6
Weather	J811.54 F	Florian, Douglas.	<u>Autumnblings.</u> A collection of poems that portray the essence of that wonderful season between summer and winter. 1st
Wildlife	J921 Martini	Lyon, George Ella.	<u>Mother to Tigers.</u>

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		The story of Helen Martini, animal rescuer. Beautifully illustrated by Peter Catalanotto. 3	
You don't need a reason for this one!			
	JP P	Plour de , Lynn.	<u>Teacher Appreciation Day.</u>
		Maybeela Jean Wishywashy just can't decide what to give her teacher for teacher appreciation day so she gives her everything. K-1	

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